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PRICE RIVER DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM ANNUAL MEETING

MARCH 13, 2000

The annual meeting of the Price River Distribution System was called to order at 1:34 p.m. by Chairman Lyle Bryner. Mr. Bryner read the minutes from the 1999 annual meeting. Following the reading of the minutes, there were no corrections or additions to be made. A motion was made by Jack Chiaretta, and seconded by Tom Bruno, to accept the minutes as read. The motion passed.

The 1999 Financial Statement was read by Lee Sim, Assistant State Engineer over Distribution. As of January 1, 1999, there was \$13,505.47 in the Trust Account. Receipts during 1999 included \$17,680.00 in regular assessments, \$578.00 in delinquent penalties, and \$615.97 in interest, for a total of \$18,874.67. Expenditures for the year totaled \$17,503.61, which included over expenditures in the social security, and retirement accounts in the amount of \$.43. Funds remaining in the Trust Account as of December 31, 1999 were \$14,876.53. A motion was made by Boyd Marsing, and seconded by Phil Palmer, to accept the Financial Statement. The vote was unanimous.

Chairman Bryner asked Commissioner Bob Davis to give a report on his activities during 1999. He indicated that a total of 73,152.46 acre-feet of water was diverted during 1999. Direct flow accounted for 49,057.00 acre-feet, and 24,083.80 acre-feet was diverted from the reservoir. Irrigation users diverted 42,503.00 acre-feet of direct flow, and 21,935.00 acre-feet of reservoir water. Municipal and industrial users diverted 8714.46 acre-feet and 6553.90 acre-feet of direct flow and reservoir water, respectively. A total of 11.70 acre-feet of water was pumped from Colton Well #1.

Mr. Davis indicated that the peak storage in Scofield Reservoir occurred June 13, 1999 at 70,619.00 acre-feet, and the reservoir spilled until July 5. The low volume occurred on November 20, 1999 at 39,034.00 acre-feet. At the present time there is 44,713.00 acre-feet of water in Scofield Reservoir, compared to 44,461.00 acre-feet on this same date in 1999.

The February 1, 1999 NRCS forecasted inflow to Scofield Reservoir is 40,000.00 acre-feet of water, which is 91% of average. This is assuming average precipitation through July 1, 2000. Mr. Davis asked that the individual ditch riders contact him 24 hours prior to making any adjustments to their headgates. This allows him to keep the river regulated. He thanked the water users for their support.

Snotel data indicates that current snowpack is 92% of average at the Mammoth-Cottonwood site, 82% on White River #1, and 121% on the Indian Canyon course.

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Tom Bruno asked if Cyprus Coal's M&I water is used, and where. Bob Davis indicated that it is used mainly at the Washer Plant.

Following the report, Jack Chiaretta made a motion to accept the Commissioner's Report. The motion was seconded by Frank Saccomanno. The vote was unanimous.

Chairman Bryner indicated that the next item of business was the preparation of the budget for 2000. Lee Sim mentioned the rising cost of gasoline and wondered if the users would like to increase the travel expense fund for this coming season. After a brief discussion, the following budget for 2000 was proposed:

1) Commissioner's Salary	\$10,028.00
2) Social Security	767.00
3) Retirement	1570.00
4) Travel Expense	3375.00
5) Insurance	2650.00
6) Office Expense	120.00
7) Telephone Expense	50.00
8) Annual Report	300.00
9) Equipment Expense	300.00
10) Miscellaneous Expense	200.00
Total	\$19,360.00

Jack Chiaretta made a motion to accept the budget as proposed, and assess the total budget. Boyd Marsing seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

The next item of business was the appointment of a Commissioner for 2000. Tom Bruno made a motion to recommend to the State Engineer that Robert Davis be retained for another year of service. The motion was seconded by Jack Chiaretta, and passed by unanimous vote.

Chairman Bryner indicated that a committee should be appointed to serve during 2000. A motion was made by Tom Bruno to reappoint the same committee that served in 1999. The motion was seconded by Boyd Marsing. All present voted in the affirmative. The committee members are as follows:

Lyle Bryner
Jack Chiaretta
Corky Strong
Gary Sonntag

Chairman
Vice Chairman
Industrial Representative
Municipal Representative

Chairman Bryner asked Dick Lee about the appeal on the Gooseberry Project dispute. He indicated that the matter has a date set in Federal Court for May 10, 2000.

Chairman Bryner also discussed the class he took at the Water User's Workshop regarding canals and liability. He indicated that in the 'Attractive Nuisance Law' a canal is not considered an attractive nuisance unless there is a hidden trap. Also, if a canal is fenced, you are responsible to maintain the fence. A question was asked regarding warning signs. Chairman Bryner said people in the class indicated, signs are only good for the sign maker; or in other words, signs don't protect you from liability.

Mr. Sim told the water users that the Division did amend the statute during the last legislative session to allow for the four-year appointment of Commissioners. The performance of the Commissioner would be reviewed each year at the annual meeting. This will take effect in 2001.

The meeting adjourned at 2:25 p.m.

Those present included the following:

Phillip P. Palmer
Richard Lee
Boyd Marsing
Robert Davis
Dale J. Wilson
Frank Saccomanno
Tom Bruno
Vernon Jones
Lyle Bryner
Jack Chiaretta
Gertrudys Adkins
John Larsen
Lee Sim
Rick Wilde

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Carbon Water Conservancy District
Price River Water Users
Price River Commissioner
Stowell Ditch
Spring Glen Canal
Stowell Ditch and Gay Ditch
Price Canal
Price River Water User's Association
Carbon Canal
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